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Rear Admiral Felix Johnson
Director of Naval Intelligence
Department of the Navy
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Felix,

I have checked into the matter of the Soviet defectors in [] who reportedly have been causing some difficulty.

The situation now appears to be well in hand, and our representative in [] has been instructed to give the matter first priority. He will consult with the representatives of the military services and the State Department in this matter, and will attempt to secure jobs and satisfactory living conditions for these people. We are investigating the report that the [] police have been engaging in extortion.

As you may know, these defectors are some that [] in an effort to assist the Army [] They are a group of Russians who had spent a considerable period of time in the European Command Intelligence Center at [] and were pretty badly disaffected even before going to []

Faithfully,

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2 May 1951

WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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